

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 to 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

1. (Original) An electronic camera comprising:  
image pickup means for picking up an object;  
storing means for storing an image picked up by said image pickup means;  
erasing means for erasing the image stored by said storing means; and  
notifying means for notifying of an advance notice of the erasure of the  
image by said erasing means,  
wherein said notifying means changes notification contents in accordance  
with data attached to the image as a target to be erased.